

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 2-5, 7-14 and 21-24.

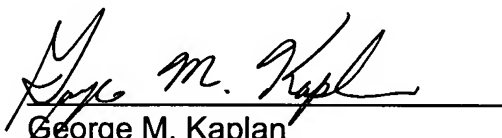
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

It is explicitly stated in paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Claims 21-24 would be allowable if amended into appropriate independent form. Accordingly, Claim 21 has been amended to be the sole independent claim in the present application. The remaining claims have all been amended to depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 21.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and explicit statements in the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted the present application is in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A petition for an automatic two month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition fee and supplemental information disclosure statement.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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